



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Phan et al.  
App. No. : 10/086,941  
Filed : February 26, 2002  
For : METHODS FOR DNA  
CONJUGATION ONTO SOLID  
PHASE INCLUDING RELATED  
OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC  
DRIVE SYSTEMS  
Examiner : Frank W. Lu  
Art Unit : 1634

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Communication mailed on August 20, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants elect the species "an oligonucleotide sequence," which is listed as species (13) on page six of the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 9, 2004, and the species "said anchor agent is associated with said capture bead," which is listed as species (18) on page 8 of the same Restriction Requirement.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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